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REMARKS - General

This is responsive to the Examiner's Office Action mailed August 19, 2005. Applicants have hereby canceled claims 3 and 14 from further consideration; have amended claims 1-2, 4-5, 7-13, 15-17, and 19-20; and have added new claims 21-22. Thus claims 1-2, 4-13, and 15-22 are pending in this application.

The status of all claims and the text of all pending claims are shown above. In the changes made to the claims by the current amendment, ~~deletions are shown by strikethrough~~, and additions are underlined.

Specification

Applicants have amended abstract and paragraph number [0042] of the specification as indicated.

Discussion of Claim Rejection – 35 USC §112

1. In claim 2, line 2, "said collectible cards" has been deleted.
2. In each of claims 3-5, 14 and 15, --said-- have been inserted between "one" and "holder" of the phrase "at least one holder cap or card holder".
3. In claims 7 and 16, poly(methyl methacrylate) has been rewritten as polymethylmethacrylate.
4. In claims 8, 11, 17, and 20, "grasping means" has been deleted.
5. In claims 10, 11, 12, 19, and 20, "said riser" has been amended and rewritten as "each said riser".
6. In claim 12, "each riser has a riser surface" has been added before "said riser surface". In line 2, "and/" has been deleted.,
7. In claim 13, "essentially" has been rewritten as "substantially". "said card" in line 8 has been amended as "at least one said collectible card". "said balanced collectible cards" in line 12 has been amended as "said balance of the collectible cards"

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Discussion of Claims Rejections - 35 USC §103

The Examiner rejected claims 1-2 and 7, as being unpatentable over any one of Levereth (2,591,271), Sterngart (3,061,136) and Wu (5,878,878) in view of Cahn (2,430,707). Applicants have amended Claim 1 to disclose a display apparatus for **DISPLAYING** a valuable card in the first **TRANSPARENT** card holder and **STORING** the remainder cards in the second **OPAQUE** card holder at the opposite side of the partitioned card box. Levereth (2,591,271), Sterngart (3,061,136), Wu (5,878,878), and Cahn (2,430,707) taken alone, in combination thereof, or in combination with the knowledge of those skilled in the art, fails to teach or suggest these limitations of a partitioned card box with one transparent card holder for displaying/viewing and another opaque non-transparent card holder for storing cards (to protect the valuable cards from being seen). No new matter has been introduced. Accordingly, Applicants submit that independent claims 1 and 13 are patentable and in condition for allowance.

The Examiner rejected claims 13 and 16, as being unpatentable over any one of Levereth, Sterngart, and Wu in view of Cahn. Applicants have amended Claim 13 to disclose a method of holding and displaying collectible cards with a partitioned card box for **DISPLAYING** a valuable card in the first **TRANSPARENT** card holder and **STORING** the remainder cards in the second **OPAQUE** non-transparent card holder at the opposite side of the partitioned card box. No new matter has been introduced.

Other pending claims 2, 4-12, 15-20 and new claims 21-22 are all dependent on either amended independent claim 1 or 13. No new matter has been introduced.

Discussion of New Claims

Applicants have added new independent claims 21 and 22 to vary the scope of protection and to protect other features of embodiments of the invention. The new claims are supported by the specification and drawings and no new matter has been introduced. The Examiner's consideration of the new claims is respectfully requested.

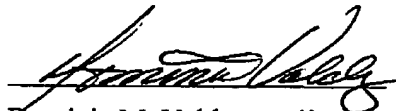
New claims 21-22 are added as dependent claims directly or indirectly depending to the amended independent claim 13, which applicants submit for consideration.

Conclusion and Conditional Request For Constructive Assistance

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For all of the above reasons, applicants submit that claims are now in proper form, and that the claims all define patentably over the prior art. Therefore they submit that this application is now in condition for allowance, which action they respectfully solicit. If, for any reason, this application is not believed to be in full condition for allowance, applicants respectfully request the constructive assistance and suggestions of the Examiner pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 706.03(d) and § 707.07(j) in order that the undersigned can place this application in allowable condition as soon as possible and without the need for further proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,



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